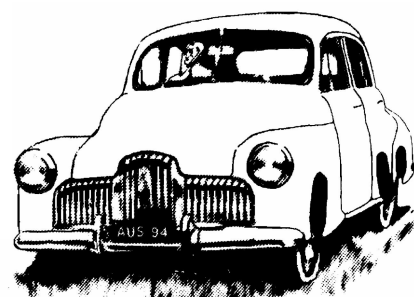




FX - FJ HOLDEN CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE CHAPTER INCORPORATED A151180G



October 2007 (Our 31st Year)

The Steering Wheel

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| Merchandise Officer | Gail Whyms | 9309 9665 |
| Newsletter Editor | Annie Scicluna | 9369 3275 |

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Meetings

Club meetings are held on the **4th** Wednesday of the month
(Not always the last Wednesday of the month)
Commencing **8 pm** sharp (except December) at:

****Moreland District Scout Hall****

687A Pascoe Vale Road Glenroy
Entry at rear via Chapman Avenue
Melways Ref: 16—G4

Open to any person who owns or has an interest in 48 215 - FJ Holdens.

Annual membership subscription - Family \$35.00, - Single \$30.00

(NEW members please add joining fee of \$15.00)

Postal Address

P.O. Box 386, North Melbourne, VIC., 3051.

Affiliations

The Australian Early Holden Federation.
The Association of Motoring Clubs Inc.

Web Site

http://www.compuhire.com.au/fx_fj/

***** Closing date for next newsletter will be 4th November *****

Club Aims

1.

To promote and encourage the preservation and restoration of the Holden Vehicle from 1948 (48-215) to 1956 (FJ Model) inclusive.

2.

To encourage the use of 1948 to 1956 Holden Vehicles by the organization and promotion of car runs, rallies, shows and events, and by any other means which may from time to time be determined by the Club

3.

To encourage activities which are informative and to promote Social functions for Club Members.

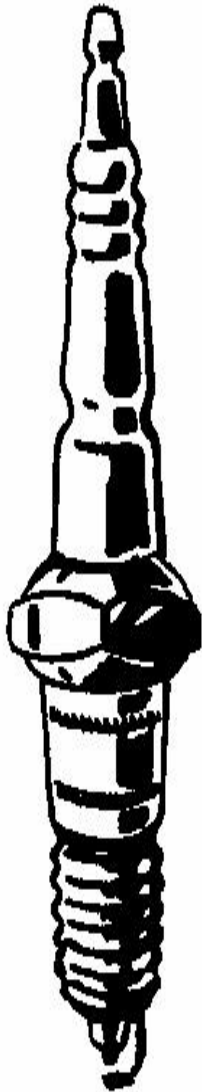
4.

To encourage closer relations between fellow members and other clubs, by holding car runs and Social functions in association with these clubs.

Founded 1976



Calendar



October

Sunday 7th
Weekend 20th -21st
Wednesday 24th
Sunday 28th

Meguires Garage Day
Victorian State Titles - Bendigo
Club Meeting
RACV Melbourne to Cape Shank Run

November

Sunday
Wednesday 28th

Club Run ??????
Club Meeting

December

Sunday 2nd
NO Club Meeting in December

Xmas Party

January 2008

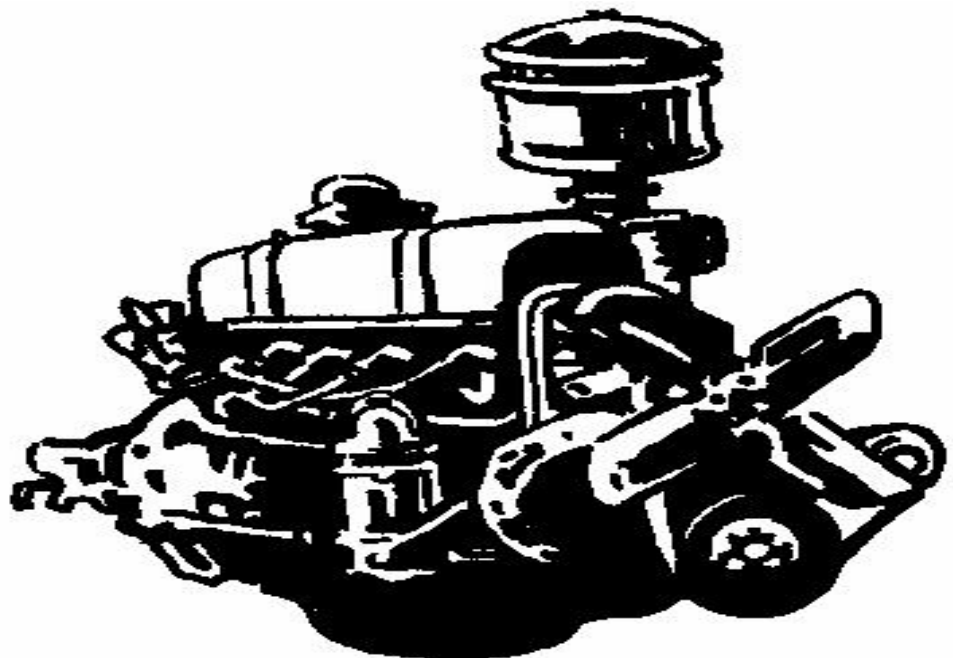
Sunday 27th

Informal BBQ / Meeting at Clive & Robyns
25 Outlook Ride Melton

February 2008

Sunday
Wednesday

Picnic at Hanging Rock????
Club Meeting





Minutes

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 26th September, 2007 at Moreland District Scout Hall, Glenroy.

Meeting opened: 7.40pm.

Attendance: As per attendance book

Apologies: Dave Morce, Jeff Alexander, Ian Walsh, Robert Mandat.

Visitors: Neil from Swan Hill who has had an FJ for 37 years which is in original condition.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Read, moved Barry Whyms, seconded Allen Bridges.

Matters Arising: Maguires cannot run garage sale day as it clashes with Bathurst. The Tullapark Scout Hall is booked for the Christmas break up, and caterers have been semi booked for same as last year. Allen Bridges said that we are waiting on confirmation from Rare Spares regarding their open day. We can hold a sausage sizzle if we want to. Thank you to Alan Forbes for organising a wonderful weekend away at Echuca, his organisational efforts were appreciated by all who attended.

Correspondence In: Various Club Magazines, membership renewals, Nationals Committee in Beenleigh, Raffle tickets from 48 FJ Owners Club, Ad for 2008 Holden Calendar, various run ideas to be given to Allen Forbes.

Correspondence Out: Club magazine, letter to Chevy Car Club returning invoice they sent to us in error.

Treasurers Report: Read by Robyn. Moved Ray Jones, Seconded Joe Brouns.

Membership Report: We have 55 financial members.

AEHF Report: AEHF fees are due. Newsletter received reminding us that Nationals are getting closer. 'Trailoring Vehicles' vote results are in, did not get 75% majority vote required to pass, so rule remains unchanged.

Social Secretary Report: No report due to Alan's absence.

Merchandise Report: Nothing to report.

Buy, Swap and Sell: Robert and Sabina want a grey motor for FJ (in good order), Clive may be able to help. Clive wants 1 tailgate hinge for his ute, Allan Bridges may be able to help.

General Business: Kelly brothers are driving a HJ Kingswood sedan to Bathurst, towing a caravan. Car will be signed by all Holden drivers and raffled for the Peter Brock Foundation. Another sausage sizzle at Bunnings will not be held this year, possibly early 2008. Annie showed a belt buckle sample that can be made to club requirements. \$70 including postage, and he can do one only. The maker has displays at swap meets.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.



Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Wednesday 26th September, 2007 Moreland District Scout Hall, Glenroy.

Meeting opened 8.15pm.

Minutes of previous AGM were read by Gail Whyms.

Accepted Ray Jones

Seconded Jan Olcorn.

The Financial Report was given by Robyn Summers, who thanked the committee and members for their support during a most enjoyable year.

Jim Callaghan thanked the committee for their support, and stated that he had enjoyed his time as President this year.

The president then vacated the chair and declared all positions vacant. Barry Whyms then presided over the election of the new committee, the results of which follow:

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| President: | JIM CALLAGHAN Nominated by Joe Brouns, seconded by Linda Wareham |
| Vice President: | IAN WALSH Nominated by Jim Callaghan, seconded by Robyn Summers |
| Secretary: | EVA PENN Nominated by Robyn Somers, seconded by Gaye Jones |
| Treasurer: | ROBYN SUMMERS Nominated by Mick Scicluna, seconded by Eva Penn |
| Social Secretary: | ALAN FORBES Nominated by Gail Whyms, seconded by Clive Summers |
| Public Officer: | ALLEN BRIDGES Nominated by Ray Jones, seconded by Robyn Summers |
| Merchandising: | VIV BRIDGES Nominated by Jim Callaghan, seconded by Robyn Somers |
| Newsletter Editor: | ANNIE SCICLUNA and PAULINE CALLAGHAN Nominated by Ray Jones and Robyn Summers Seconded by Jan Olcorn and Joe Brouns After voting, ANNIE was elected |
| AEHF Delegate: | BRENTON BAKER Nominated by Jan Olcorn, seconded by Viv Bridges |
| Membership: | ALLEN BRIDGES Nominated by Ray Jones, seconded by Viv Bridges |

General Business:

Discussions were held regarding the increase of membership fees.

Accepted Allen Bridges Seconded Pauline Callaghan

It was agreed that membership fees would increase by **\$5.00** effective July 2008.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Supper was served.



Presidents Report

September 2007

To all Members,

My report for this month does not hold much substance, because as you are aware both Pauline and myself have been on Holidays in Nth Queensland, in fact on a cruise to the Whitsunday Islands, Cairns and Port Douglas, Fantastic Holiday would recommend to anyone considering this type of holiday.

OK :- Back to reality, according to all members who ventured to Echuca for the weekend run 15th -16th September , it was a great success, a very enjoyable time was had by all. I believe there will be an in-depth report in the next issue of the magazine to be written by Robyn Summers our treasurer. A big thank you to Alan Forbes and his lovely sidekick "Patsy" for all the hard work making the weekend enjoyable for all members who attended.

Our A.G.M. held 26th September, just 2 nights after we arrived home, the attendance at the meeting was good, all though a few regular attendees were not there for one reason or another, the business end of the meeting I.E. Reports, discussions and elections of committee members proceeded smoothly, although it is a little disappointing that there are not more club members actually willing to take up a role on the committee, regardless of whether they have served on the Committee before, or not. The strength of any organization depends upon the willingness of the whole membership, to work in concert ,creating a harmonious and enjoyable atmosphere around the club, so that all members look forward to attending both the regular monthly meetings, runs and social events that are organized throughout the year.

At this point I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work and support to me during the past 12 months, I thank you one and all .Gayle, Robyn, Ian, Alan Forbes, Allen Bridges, and Vivien Bridges.

I am saddened by the resignation of Gayle, as Secretary, as she done a marvelous job , she leaves big shoes to fill, although I am confident that her replacement in t6 the secretary's role namely "Eva Penn" will settle in will perform the duties equally as well. To Gayle, we as a club congratulate and thank you for your hard work as secretary and I personally hope that some time in the future will rejoin the Executive committee in one role or another, (nothing wrong with a woman as President), once again thank you to all committee and members for your support to me over the last 12 months and I look forward to serving the club as President for this next term of office.

The Elected Members of the Committee are as Follows:

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| President | Jim Callaghan | Vice President | Ian Walsh |
| Treasurer | Robyn Summers | Secretary | Eva Penn |
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| A.E.H.F. Delegate | Brenton Baker | Public Officer | Allen Bridge |
| Merchandise Officer | Vivien Bridges | Newsletter Editor | Annie Scicluna |

Thank you to my wife Pauline for her work as Newsletter editor, and also her unwavering support to me during the past 12 months. She took on the position with limited experience as newsletter editor and I must add at my behest, when the position became vacant, and I believe she has acquitted herself well in the position, her idea of approaching Australia Post re: bulk postage of our newsletter resulted in good savings per month on our postage.0

We congratulate and welcome Eva Penn in her first stint as club secretary. Annie returns as newsletter editor, congratulations and thank you to Annie as well. Also to all our members who attend the meetings/ runs/ social and fund raising events . A big thank you as without members we would cease to exist as a club.

And last but not least ,a BIG thank you to all our sponsor's and advertisers in our magazine, for their ongoing support to FX/FJ Holden Club of Australia Melbourne Chapter.

Yours in Holden's Forever
Jim Callaghan
President



From the Editors Desk

Hi everybody, it's been a couple of years since I have had the opportunity to compile **your** newsletter. Again I ask for **your** input with interesting articles, jokes (clean ones of course) puzzles, crosswords, recipes, car articles from the newspaper in fact anything that you would like to have included in **your** newsletter.

I have finished my studies and now have my Diploma hanging on the wall, fat lot of good that did, I get an extra \$1 per hour in my pay packet and \$50 per hour extra responsibility.....Go figure. Michael has threatened to divorce me if I whinge about the newsletter. Then again Michaels threats are hollow. Remember the threat, or was that a promise? That he would sell the Corvette if my FJ ute wasn't "on the road" by the next state titles. Well he has 2 more weeks till the titles in Bendigo and he hasn't completed the fuel tank yet, I believe it's cut out but waiting for Andrew to weld it. I'm not really sure because Robert (the dog) and I are not allowed into his shed.

I have included the Christmas colouring competition (for kids of all ages) the completed project can either be given to me at either the October or November meeting or simply brought along with you to the Christmas party on Sunday 02/12/07.

I would like to thank Robyn Summers for volunteering to assist me this year, Robyn will be picking up the newsletter from Barry, placing it into the cover and posting it, because with my changing shifts at creche I would have difficulty getting it out to you before the following months social event. Robyn has also included a report on the Echuca weekend with a great photo of the group and the old paddle steamer the Emmylou. Thanks again Robyn.

At the AGM it was voted to increase the membership fees by **\$5** commencing next year that means that as of July 2008 a family membership will be **\$40.00** and a single member **\$35.00** the additional joining fee for a new member will increase to **\$20.00**. If you don't like this increase in fees you should have been at the last AGM to vote against it... Like I did.

Annie

WISE WORDS

Are you aware that if you died tomorrow, the company you work for could easily replace you in a matter of days. But the family you leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. So what is behind all this? Well you may ask. Do you know what the word family means?

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(F)ather (A)nd (M)other (I) (L)ove (Y)ou

Enjoy every precious moment you have with your family, your extended family and friends.

Make every precious day theirs, and your, most memorable ever



Social News

OUR TRIP TO ECHUCA

We all met at the BP Station on the Hume Hwy on Saturday morning at about 8.30am. There were ten FJ's looks to be a good turn out. We started out on our trip at 8.45am, Alan Forbes was in the front and Ray Jones was at the end of the line. It looked great all of us driving down the road in a convoy. Even though all the cars were spaced apart, we had a couple of semis get a little frustrated trying to pass but managed to do so fairly easily. We stopped at Elmore for a brief rest, when Bruce and Erica rolled up in their Early.

When we arrived at Echuca we went straight to the Holden Museum, Alan had organised ½ price entry fees for all club members. Half the members went straight into the museum to have a look around whilst some members went to get a bite to eat. The museum was great which had many of the members stuck looking at all the early cars. During all this I fell asleep on the front seat of our car cause I was very sick, after having a look through the museum with the other members, Clive attempted to take me to the motel, well he drove around for 20mins and couldn't find it so gave up and went back to where the others were and followed them to the motel.

After settling into our rooms we all went out and relaxed on the green grass where they had tables and chairs set up overlooking the Murray River, the scenery was beautiful! Dave and Jack arrived later in the afternoon which made a total of 12 cars, a fantastic turnout!!! Alan had organised a curtesy bus which took us to the RSL Club for Tea this meant everybody could drink and not have to drive back to the motel. As I wasn't feeling well Clive and I went back early and left the others to drink the night away and I believe they all had a great time. The following morning I heard that two of our members stayed up until 2am and one of them kept his better half awake all hours of the morning with the hiccups and sneezing , I wonder who that could of been? ... Not mentioning any names ... Ray.

The motel people put on a wonderful breakfast for us all, consisting of sausages, bacon, tomato's and eggs which the chef cooked, all except the toast! We had to cook our own toast HAHA!! After breakfast we left the motel and went to the Echuca wharf where we put all our early's in front of the old historic buildings which looked great! Alan organised for us to go on the paddle steamer "Emmylou" for lunch leaving at 1:30pm so we all went on our separate ways until then. We arrived at the wharf and took a couple of group photos before we headed off for the afternoon on the paddle steamer! Everyone had a great time on board while having lunch it was very relaxing and picturesque. The trip took about a 1½ hours. When we got back to the wharf we decided to go our separate ways home.

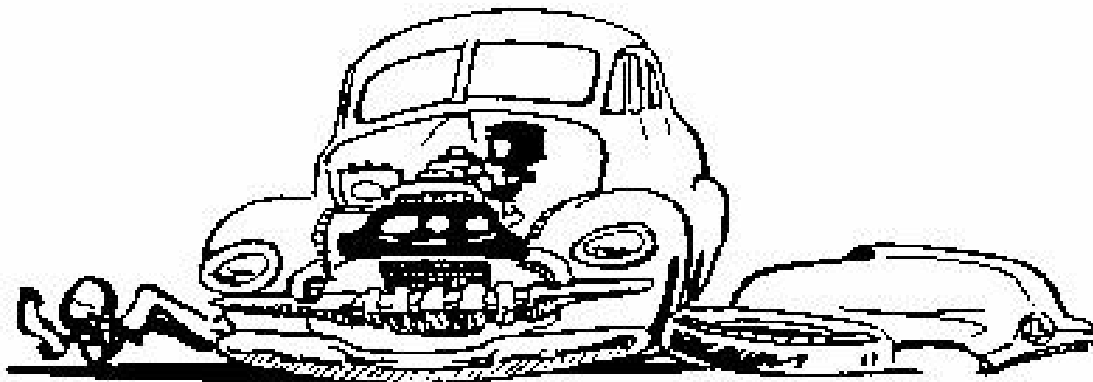
The wind and rain on our way home felt like we were driving through a hurricane. Of course EVERY time it rains Clive remembers he needs to put a new wiper motor in the car but forgets as soon as we get home, he's like a broken record that only works in the rain! I just have to mention that Allan and Eva's daughter, Lauren who is on "L-plate's did a great job driving their early up to Echuca and back, well done! Lauren. A special thank you to Alan Forbes for organising such a great weekend.

Robyn Summers

Editors Note: Thanks Robyn I appreciate the report. It sounds like everyone had a fantastic time We are sorry that we missed it. Good job Alan. Perhaps next year we can have a few FX's as well as FJ's. Ed.



Buy Swap & Sell



Robert and Sabina want an original grey motor for their FJ
(in good order please)
Ph: 0416 109 127

Clive wants 1 tailgate hinge for his FJ ute
Ph: Clive / Robyn 9743 6560

A Christmas gift for the person who has everything

As mentioned in the minutes I (Annie) brought to the last club meeting a belt buckle which I had specifically ordered.

I simply sent a back view photo of my brothers Chevy and Boyd Ewing from Eclipse Engraving did the rest.

I was impressed with the detail that Boyd put into the buckle. It took about 6 weeks for the order to be completed and cost \$70 which included postage.

I think this is a fair price for an one only original. Boyd said that he can do any shape and colour, (even FX -FJ)

This is his hobby and he does a great job.

eclipsengraving@westnet.com.au

Buy , Swap, Sell ideas for our club runs

We are always looking for interesting and exciting venues to visit.

If you have discovered or heard of an area that you think our club members would be interested in, give

**Alan Forbes a call on 9308 4894
or mention it at the next club meeting.**

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The new style club jackets are out of stock at present, a minimum number of orders will be required to place an order. It was decided that 1 order per year would be placed this will take place in March 2008, Each jacket is is embroidered with your name and club logo. (The jackets are maroon – waist length, with elastic waist band for the men, and a longer straight style for the women. They will have logo on front left panel, your first name on front right panel, and the original club writing - 'Melbourne FX-FJ Club' on the back).

Just a little Reminder -

We still have supplies of the following for sale –

Club Shirts & Stubby Holders, Club Caps,
(all with GOLD logo)

Ladies Club Chambray Shirt 3/4 sleeves-
Grille Badges,

Window State Titles Key Rings,
AEHF Badges (Navy Blue)
AEHF Window Decals

**Vivian generally has these items available
at club meetings and runs.**

If you are unsure give Viv a call

**Contact: Viv Bridges –
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Mob: 0411 324 203**

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